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My dear Fanny

Your letter has quite shocked me, can it indeed be four months since I wrote to you? I am certain you must possess the most forgiving disposition in the world to write to me after such neglect. ~~Except~~ Except that I ought to be and generally am, more careful in remembering you, than any one else, I could assure you that you are by no means that only person towards whom I deserve to be ashamed of my behaviour. Mrs Bowcroft's brother, came

here a few weeks ago, entirely to give me news of her and to beg of me to write to her immediately which I have not yet done; as to Mrs. Dilke I believe she is quite affronted with me. Don't suppose that I should not have shame enough to keep these things, only you seem to suspect that while I neglect you I may be more attentive elsewhere, this is so far from the case that you have been untill very lately the only person excepted from my general inattention. Lancaster was at our house last wednesday and promised to call here on sunday for some books for you, but I suppose he forgot it as I have never seen him, so I shall bring them on Thursday. I have

not forgotten that the 18th of June
is your birthday. I am invited
to a party for that night,
I must now conclude as I
wish the letter to go by this
post and the clock has struck

Your very
affectionate
J B

I will see you Thursday

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